

**ABSOLUTE RATING:** Below Average

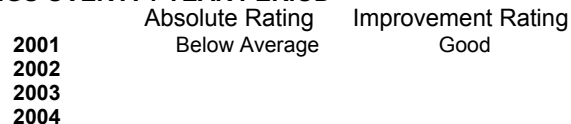
**IMPROVEMENT RATING:** Good

Number of Elementary schools with students like ours: 111.

The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from unsatisfactory to excellent.

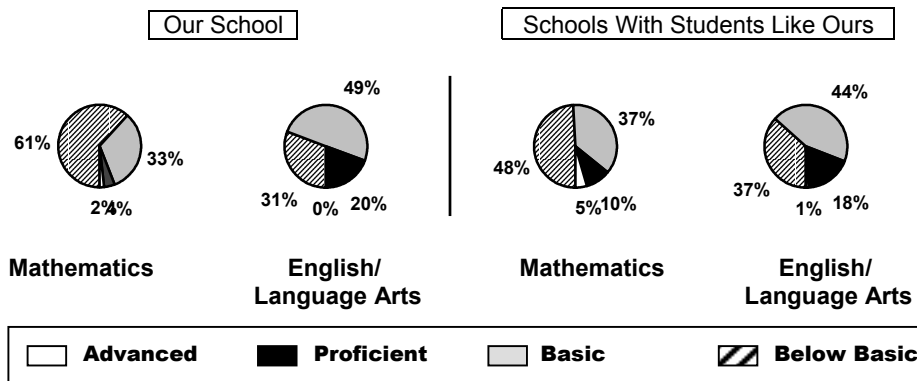
For improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

## RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD



(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

## PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS



## DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:

- Advanced** – Student performance exceeded expectations.
- Proficient** – Student performance met expectations.
- Basic** – Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- Below Basic** – Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

Science scores are to be reported on the 2004 School Report Card. Social studies scores are to be reported on the 2005 School Report Card.

PERCENT OF STUDENTS SCORING BASIC OR ABOVE ON THE PACT				
Student Group	English/ Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies
<b>All students (n=123)</b>	69.1	38.2	N/A	N/A
Students with disabilities other than Speech (n=18)	N/A	N/A		
Students without disabilities (n=105)	75.2	42.3		
<b>Gender</b>				
Male (n=63)	63.5	39.3		
Female (n=60)	75	38.3		
<b>Ethnic Group</b>				
African American (n=84)	71.4	38.1		
Hispanic (n=25)	N/A	N/A		
White (n=12)	N/A	N/A		
Other (n=2)	N/A	N/A		
<b>Lunch Status Group</b>				
Free/reduced-price Lunch (n=110)	70	38		
Pay for lunch (n=13)	N/A	N/A		

## SCHOOL PROFILE

### INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

SCHOOL	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
• Dollars spent per student	\$5,626	N/A	\$5,929	\$5,347
• Prime instructional time	88.6%	Down from 90.7%	89.6%	90.2%
• Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	10.7 to 1	N/A	17 to 1	18.7 to 1
<b>STUDENTS (n=256)</b>				
• Attendance Rate	95.1%	Down from 96.2%	96.2%	96.2%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (ELA) off grade level	12.2%	N/A	7%	4.1%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (math) off grade level	11.6%	N/A	6%	3.1%
• First graders who attended full day kindergarten	88.2%	Down from 97.5%	98.1%	96.3%
• Meeting grade 1 and 2 readiness standards	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
• Retention rate	10.2%	Up from 3.1%	5.8%	3.6%
<b>TEACHERS (n=20)</b>				
• Professional Development days per teacher	8.9 Days	Up from 6.3	7.5 Days	7.6 days
• Attendance Rate	95.5%	Up from 95.2%	95%	95.1%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	45%	Down from 56.5%	43.6%	47.7%
• Continuing contract teachers	80%	Up from 62.5%	77.3%	83.8%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	5%	Up from 0%	2.9%	0.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	61.4%	Down from 65.8%	81.1%	87.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$33,012	Up 0.4%	\$36,119	\$37,520

## SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
<b>SCHOOL</b>				
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	73.4%	N/A	64.6%	65.3%
• Principal's years at the school	2	N/A	4	4.0
• Parents attending conferences	99%	N/A	87.4%	95.6%
• Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/A	Good	Good
<b>STUDENTS</b>				
• On academic plans	N/A	N/A	63.9%	43.1%
• On academic probation	N/A	N/A	0%	0.0%
• Older than usual for grade	4.3%	Up from 0.4%	2.1%	1.1%
• Suspended or expelled	0	N/A	2	1
• Gifted and talented	3.4%	Up from 2.9%	5.3%	11.5%
• With disabilities other than speech	12.7%	Down from 14.4%	8.7%	8.4%



## PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

Mt. Zion Elementary is "Planning the Seeds of Tomorrow's Greatness." As principal, with the support of our community, we are determined to create a sparkle by strengthening basic skills and heightening academic achievement. Our aim is to also provide a quality education for all students in a positive, safe and orderly environment, in cooperation with parents and the community.

Mt. Zion Elementary is located in the heart of Johns Island, with a student population close to 300. It is one of the most fortunate schools on the island for several reasons. One reason is that a strong group of volunteers from Seabrook and Kiawah offers mentoring, guidance, and financial support for many of our students and programs. Another reason is our teachers, who are extremely dedicated to our students and our profession. Both volunteers and teachers believe that a structured standards-based program has a powerful effect on a student's level of investment, participation and intellectual curiosity.

The data included reflect work done during the 2000-2001 school year. The test scores demand that we all become ACCOUNTABLE. They also stress that we become a community of learners that ensures success for each child, opportunities for growth for each teacher, and meaningful involvement for each parent and family. While our students display a wide range of abilities and come from diverse ethnic and social-economic backgrounds, they all possess a genuine desire to achieve.

Vashti K. Washington, Principal

### EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	N/A	N/A	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	N/A	N/A	
Satisfied with home-school relations	N/A	N/A	

### DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

**Excellent** – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Good** – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Average** – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Below Average** – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Unsatisfactory** – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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Mt. Zion Elementary  
3464 River Road  
John's Island, SC 29455

**Grades** PRE-K, K- Elementary School

**Enrollment:** 256 Students

#### Principal

Vashti K. Washington 843-559-3841

#### Superintendent

Dr. Ronald A. McWhirt 843-937-6319

#### Board Chair

Ms. Elizabeth H. Alston 843-723-0941

## THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School  
Report Card

2001



School Grade:  
Average

#### South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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